

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-209

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING
PROPOSITION 1A LIMITING THE STATE'S ABILITY TO
REALLOCATE LOCAL REVENUES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE STATE
POLICY GOALS AND REQUIRING THE STATE TO REIMBURSE
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR MANDATED PROGRAMS AND
SERVICES ON A TIMELY BASIS

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WHEREAS, state government currently seizes more than \$5.2 billion annually in local property tax funds statewide from cities, counties, and special districts, costing local governments more than \$40 billion in lost revenues over the past 12 years; and

WHEREAS, these ongoing shifts and raids by the state of local property tax funds and other funding dedicated to local governments have seriously reduced resources available for local fire and paramedic response, law enforcement, public health and emergency medical care, roads, parks, libraries, transportation, and other essential local services; and

WHEREAS, these funding raids also add pressure for local governments to increase fees and taxes to maintain basic local service levels; and

WHEREAS, this drain of local resources has continued even during periods when the state's budget has been overflowing with surpluses; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1A is an historic measure that will appear on the November 2004 statewide ballot that would limit the State's ability to take and use local government funding; and

WHEREAS, by protecting local government funding, Prop 1A would protect local public safety, healthcare, and other essential local services; and

WHEREAS, Prop 1A will not raise taxes and, in fact, will help reduce pressure for local fee and tax increases by limiting state raids of local government funding; and

WHEREAS, Prop 1A does not reduce funding for schools or any other state program or service, and Prop 1A was carefully written to allow flexibility in the event of a state budget emergency; and

WHEREAS, Prop 1A is supported by a bipartisan, diverse coalition including Governor Schwarzenegger, Democrat and Republican legislative leaders, local government officials, public safety representatives, healthcare, business, labor, and community leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby support Proposition 1A, the statewide ballot initiative that will prevent the state from further taking local government revenues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby direct the City Clerk to send a certified copy of this resolution to Yes on 1A - Californians to Protect Local Taxpayers and Public Safety (Fax: 916-442-3510 or Mail: 1121 L Street, #803, Sacramento, CA 95814).

Dated: October 6, 2004

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2004-209 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held October 6, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Hitchcock, and Howard

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Land and Mayor Hansen

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk